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- Veteran (pre 31-12-1918)
- Vintage (1-1-1919 to 31-12-1930)
- Classic (1-1-1931 to vehicles older than 25 years)

To conduct the sport of motor vehicle rally driving so as to promote and encourage that sport.

To conduct such events and activities as the Committee considers appropriate to:

- (a) increase the members' awareness of our motoring heritage, and
- (b) enable the exchange of information and vehicle parts between similar clubs and interested members of the public.

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<u>BARRY COLLISON MEMORIAL TROPHY (PEOPLE'S CHOICE)</u>	1928 WHIPPET Model 96 tourer	John and Jenny Grieve
<u>JOHN STEWART MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST PRESENTED VEHICLE</u>	1948 MORRIS Oxford MO sedan	Dom and Jenny Monteleone
<u>DUSTY SHAW MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL EFFORT</u>	1960 PORSCHE 356B 1600 Super cabriolet	Brian and Faye Briggs
<u>JOHN HILL TROPHY FOR BEST MOTORCYCLE</u>	1977 SUZUKI TS185 motorcycle	Peter and Susan Borthwick
<u>ROLLS-ROYCE PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR CLUB MEMBERS OF THE YEAR</u>		Julie Mahoney and Bev Brownley

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Held in the G.V.M.V.D.C.Inc. Clubrooms, 40 Grahamvale Rd, Grahamvale (northeastern outskirts of Shepparton) on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 8.00pm. New members and visitors are welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE

Meets in the Clubrooms on the fourth Thursday of each month except December.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees for 2024 are **\$70.00**
Financial year is from the Annual General Meeting in November.
Subs can be paid directly into the Club's bank account **GVMVDC Inc.** at the Bendigo Bank. BSB **633 000** Acct No **1366 25076**. Include your name and membership number as details.

MONTHLY RALLIES

G.V.M.V.D.C.Inc. monthly rallies are run on the Sunday after the meeting each month, unless otherwise arranged, starting at the Clubrooms at 10.00am. Slower vehicles may leave earlier if they wish. Members without a rally car can come modern or turn up and get a lift with somebody. Members are reminded to fill out the rally attendance sheet some time during the run.

CLUB SHOP

Lapel badges (members)	\$4.00	Wind jacket	\$50.00
(for non-members)	\$5.00	Windcheaters (depending on size)	\$20 - \$30
Car Badges (members only)	\$16.00	T-shirts (depending on size/style)	\$15 - \$25
Contact the club librarian.		Caps	\$15.00
CD/DVD of past Journals (pdf)	\$2.00	Windscreen stickers	\$3.00
Club calendars (A4 or A3)	free	Embroidered patch of club logo	\$3.00
Car details sheet (A4 laminated)	\$1.00	Contact the club librarian.	
Contact Brendan Walsh.		<i>You can contact these members at a monthly club meeting.</i>	

RED PLATE VEHICLE PERMIT RENEWALS

When your Club Permit is due for renewal, you can:
- bring the papers to a club meeting for signing,
- post them with a self-addressed envelope to G.V.M.V.D.C.Inc Permit Officer, c/- P.O. Box 6, Shepparton 3632 and the Permit Officer will sign them and return them, or
- post them to the Permit Officer with a cheque and an envelope addressed to VicRoads and the Permit Officer will sign them and send them on.
See the Permit Officers at a meeting for further details. You can also contact Peter Vibert on 0408 333 172 or 5823 5865 to arrange a time. Peter lives at 7 Cardinia Court, Kialla Lakes.

CLUB LIBRARY

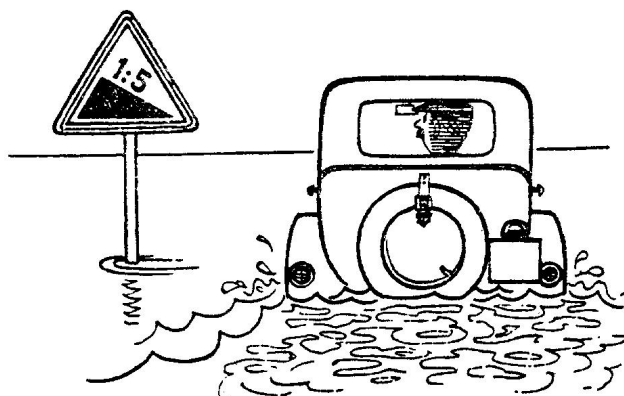
A full listing of the Club's books, manuals and DVDs is available in the library at club meetings.

CAR PHOTOS

Each member is entitled to have one car photo on the wall at no cost. Give your 220x140mm photo to Hugh MacFadyen with your details and the car's details. He will do the framing. Further photos can be done for \$10 each. See Hugh for details.

JOURNAL

Contributions for the next Journal should be to the Editor by the end of this month.



President's Report

The Events Subcommittee have delivered yet again with a couple of excellent runs during January. The Coffee Run to Rushworth and Colbinabbin had an encouraging turnout and the traditional Twilight in Nathalia was also well attended, with in excess of sixty members present. February is looking quite busy too, with the Ladies' Lunch, the Saturday Social Day and the Red Plate Day all on the agenda. As a member of the Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club, I must also recommend attendance at their annual Picnic at Hanging Rock scheduled for February 11th.

Aaron Brain of Shepparton BMW will be our guest speaker at the February general meeting, thanks to the perseverance of our Secretary Barry Croke, who pursued Aaron with unabated intensity to secure his attendance. Aaron will be talking to us about Electric Vehicles and will be bringing a BMW example along for us to crawl over prior to the meeting kicking off. I suspect that rumours that he will give it away at the end of the meeting are wishful thinking, but he might have his order book with him.

The committee is continuing to cast a critical eye over the Club's operations, with details of some proposed changes which will necessitate changes to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws expected to be published in the March Journal and a vote on proposed Special Resolutions planned to occur at the April general meeting.

Best regards,

Rob Fletcher

From the Editor

Our annual trip to Nathalia for an evening get-together on the riverbank was very enjoyable. We had a good roll-up and the weather was not too hot. This month we've got another annual event that should be well attended – Red Plate Day. Bring your classic vehicle along and have it checked over by some of the experienced mechanics in the club. They might find a minor problem that you can fix before it becomes a major one! And it's a great get-together for lunch.

Electric vehicles are obviously the flavour of the month at the moment. The motoring sections in the newspapers seem to talk about nothing else (except maybe SUVs) and the prices are starting to come down with some cheaper Chinese competition. There are also some unexpected insurance problems with them. An article is copied in this Journal that looked at recent research in the UK. It's very interesting reading. Hopefully we learn something about them at the meeting this week.

A membership list is included with this Journal (for club members only). Hopefully I've got all of your details correct! A very basic, non-searchable list will also be on the club website.

Don't forget to wear your name badge at the meeting so everyone knows who you are!

Regards,

Brendan Walsh

If you're not receiving a monthly email advising of a new Journal being available on our website, then you need to let me know! Just send a message to the Club's email address (top of page 2) and I'll add you to the list. Over 150 members now get this monthly message, plus other messages from the Club between Journals.



Red Plate Day - 18th February

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General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting held Thursday 11th January 2024 at the clubrooms with 57 members in attendance and apologies from 22 members being recorded.

President Robin Fletcher opened the meeting at 8pm, welcoming members and advising of safety protocols in case of emergency.

Minutes:

The December 2023 general meeting minutes as published in the January Journal were accepted following the motion from *Hugh MacFadyen, 2nd Bev Brownley*. No business arising.

Correspondence:

One letter indicating a January 21 power interruption at the club rooms, plus 10 car club newsletters mailed and emailed. All copies are available at front desk. Barry Croke made particular mention of a two-page summary reviewing a major UK study on electric vehicle operating costs and ownership perception in the December Dandenong Club's Newsletter.

Barry Croke recommended acceptance, 2nd *Hugh MacFadyen* and the report accepted.

REPORTS:**Treasurer**

Peter Vibert tabled a three-page report (Dec.14-Jan.11) and mentioned significant aspects of transactions. These included finalising membership renewals (186), holding \$12,395 for 495 site sales for the September 2024 Swap, of payment of \$47.70 to Consumer Affairs as their charge of lodging our Annual Report. *Peter Vibert* recommended acceptance of his report, 2nd *Robin Pilcher* and passed.

Guest Speaker

Hang gliding, both passive and motorised, was discussed by Stuart Malone. He used his experiences of the last 30 years to engage members in an exceptionally interesting discussion.



Ken Muston formally thanked Stuart for his excellent talk.

President

Robin Fletcher made members aware of a clubroom security problem observed last week when the building

had been found open. No explanation has been forthcoming. The Secretary will undertake the annual review of persons holding club keys this month.

Events s/c

Leigh Johnston referred members to the extensive listings in the club Journal. The January events involve the Wednesday run on the 17th to Rushworth and Colbinabbin, the annual Twilight in Nathalia on Sunday 21, and the Australia Day celebration now scheduled by Council for Sunday 28th at Mooroopna. February events will include Red Plate Day at Grieve's property on Sunday 18th. The Canberra rally, scheduled for September is now fully booked. Reserve booking will be accepted.

Swap Meet No report.

Catering s/c

Julie Mahoney explained the reason for the club's acquisition of a new stove and the shutter blind to be installed at the servery.

Social s/c

Col Grace' has indicated no January gathering. He is recovering from medical procedures and incidences of Covid with some others suggested caution.

Facilities s/c

Greg Sutherland mentioned storm damage done to shrubs and trees on club property.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Robin Pilcher indicated thunderstorm activity had been interfering with electrical connectivity of some solar panel systems.
- Australia Day at Ferrari Park Mooroopna : *Bruce Spencer* moved, 2nd *Lynn Tyrrell* a motion stating "That the club boycott Australia Day being celebrated on January 28 and that the club advise COGS Council and Kiwanis Club of Mooroopna that we will not be attending as a club". Supporting argument centred on their lifelong understanding Australia Day was a January 26 celebration. The motion was carried with a significant majority of hands shown.
- GVMVDC Red Plate vehicle listing. Peter Vibert stated 274 vehicles were listed on the notice he placed on the clubroom notice board. This was a reduction of 10 listed vehicles. Members were asked to check the current listing for accuracy.
- Bendigo Swap site : Lloyd Healey found no interest in an available site.
- Security cameras : Tony Tancredi suggested camera surveillance of clubrooms.

Buy, Swap & Sell

Spark plug : Ray Mullins has an unused spark plug suited to an old stationary engine.

Valiant disc brake set-up : Ken Muston is seeking a used set.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm and light supper followed.

Committee Notes

Actions from the January Committee meeting :

1. CLUBROOM KEY CHANGES

A recent unexplained breach of security requires that several locks be changed at the clubrooms. These changes will be made immediately after the February 8 general meeting.

The twelve office-bearers with authorized sets of keys are asked to personally meet with Barry Croke, together with their club keys to :

- (a) have these keys recorded in our key register; and
- (b) to receive a new key to make access possible.

2. CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHANGES

In accordance with Rule 30 of our Constitution the Committee is recommending the following changes for members' consideration at the March general meeting.

Resolution (a) : Removal of the requirement for the Immediate Past-President to attend Committee meetings in the year following the President's term of office.

Resolution (b) : Chairpersons of each sub-committee are to be elected at each November Annual General Meeting, and that by the January Committee meeting, this chairperson is to advise the Committee of the membership and roles of members in the sub-committee. These understandings, as agreed to by the Committee, are to be formed within a Terms of Reference for each sub-committee.

Catering Committee Notes

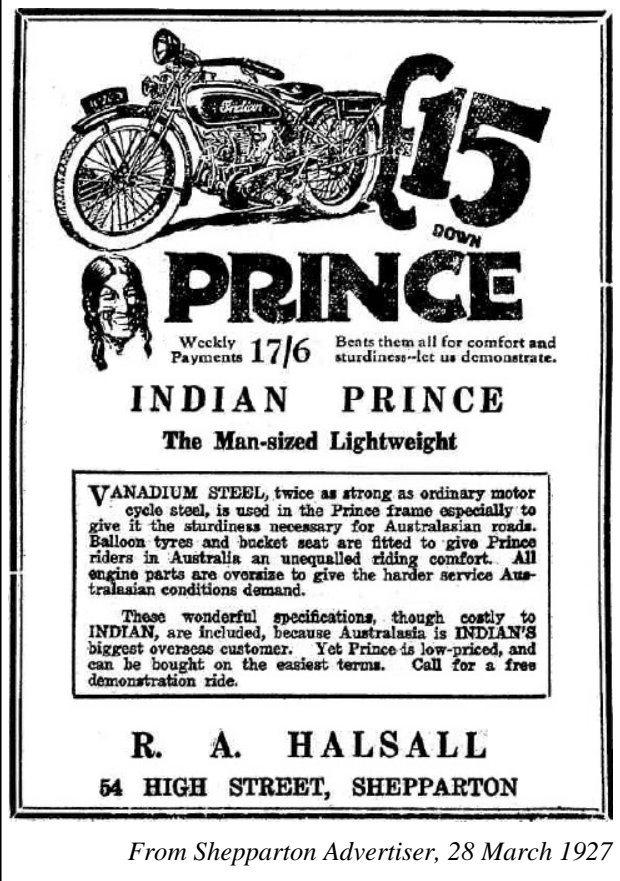
Our new stove has been installed and it will soon be put to good use. On Friday 26th April, we will be providing a two-course evening meal for around 100 participants on the Vintage Drivers Club Rally. Once again, we will be serving a roast dinner followed by dessert. We will also be cooking them breakfast before the rally departs from our clubrooms on the Saturday morning. We look forward to catering for our fellow car enthusiasts.

Kind regards,

Julie Mahoney



From Shepparton Advertiser, 20 December 1926



Coming Up

****GVMVDC Monthly Meeting, Clubrooms – 8:00pm Thursday 8th February 2024**
Masks and sanitiser are provided for those who need them.



****Club Coffee Run, Strathmerton and Katunga – Wednesday 14th February 2024**

This month's coffee run shall be to the Mailbox Cafe in Strathmerton located on the corner of McGuire Street and the Goulburn Valley Highway. For those that wish to continue on for lunch, it will be at the Clydesdale Hotel Katunga, located on Katanga-Picola Rd (Carter St.). Lunch will be alternate drop.

For those club members wishing to leave from the club rooms as a group, we will be departing the club rooms at 9:45 am.

Leigh Johnston



****Ladies' Lunch, Shepparton – 16th February 2024**

Our next ladies' lunch is on Friday 16th February at the Shepp RSL Club from 11:30am onwards. Contact me by the 14th February if you are coming.

Cheers,

Mary Apostol 0407-848 014



****Saturday Social Day, Clubrooms – 17th February 2024**

Our first gathering this year will be held on the 17th February 2024 from 10am - 2pm at the Clubrooms. We will be having a BBQ. Could everyone please bring a salad to share.

Hope you can all make it. Please contact Sandra on 03-5823 1410 and leave a message by Wednesday 14th Feb for numbers for catering purposes.

ALL WELCOME. Hope to see you all there,

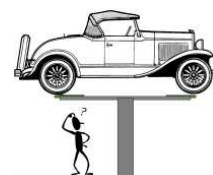
Sandra 0467-313 785



****Red Plate Day, Kialla – Sunday 18th February 2024**

The annual red plate day will again be held at John and Jenny Grieve's residence at 8032 Goulburn Valley Highway, Kialla. The day will commence from 9:30 am and a light lunch shall be provided. So bring your chairs and your car and have it inspected by qualified mechanics free of charge, you will also be able to socialise with fellow club members and have an enjoyable day.

Leigh Johnston



Minis on the Murray Muster, Wodonga – 9th-10th March 2024

Lots of Minis are expected for the muster organised by the Minis on the Murray Car Club over the Labour Day long weekend. Saturday will include a run to local points of interest (starting at 1pm) and a 7pm dinner at the SS&A Club.

On Sunday there will be a show and shine at Hovell Tree Park in Albury from 9am. \$10 entry per show car, spectators free. Enquiries to Alan 0402-520 997.



Swanpool Motor Festival – 10th March 2024

A great day out with live music, on-site catering, a swap meet and a market. Open from 8am, \$5/adult, U16 free, \$10/car (2 people). There's about \$8000 in prizes, all drawn from a hat at 2pm (you must still be in attendance).

Further details from <https://swanpoolmotorfestival.com.au> or Ross 0417-351 304.



All GM Day, Wangaratta – 10th March 2024

Run by the Early Holden Club Inc Wangaratta and being held at Apex Park in Clements St, this event is open to all Holden or GM vehicles. 9am-2pm. \$5 entrants, \$gold coin spectators.

Further info from Lester 0427-500 815 or Brian 0412-681 499.



Seymour Show 'n' Shine, Kings Park – Monday 11th March 2024

Run by the Seymour & District Car Club and the Lions Club, this event includes a display, a swap meet, an auction, kids' entertainment, food stalls and a big raffle. Gates open 8am, \$gold coin entry. Enquiries to Judi 0407-562 003 (show cars) or Reggie 0417-329 981 (other issues).



Veteran Car Club 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally, Echuca-Moama – 14th-17th March 2024

This rally is for the smaller veteran vehicles and is based at Meninya Palms Resort, Moama. Tours include to Nanneella, Girgarre, Roslynmead and Torumbarry.

Go to https://veterancarclub.org.au/?page_id=8026 or see Brendan Walsh for more details.



GV Vintage Tractor & Machinery Club Rally – 30th-31st March 2024

Federation Picnic, Wunghnu – 31st March 2024

2024's Wunghnu Picnic will again be held at the Wunghnu Recreation Reserve, Goulburn Valley Hwy, Wunghnu, starting at 10am.

BYO picnic lunch or on-site catering, free tea and coffee.

Further enquiries to Lloyd on 0458-299 466.



Morris Register National Rally, Shepparton – 24th-29th April 2024

Approximately 120 cars are expected to attend this national rally in April. There will be a big display at the Vic Park Lake for the public to see them all.

Details are on the club's website at www.moreg.org.au



GV Hospice Rallye, Bendigo – 4th-5th May 2024

This year's rallye is being organised but if you want to attend you should book your accommodation at the Lakeside Hotel Bendigo soon. Rooms are being held for rallye participants with the booking reference **254930**. An information sheet will be at the club meeting.

More details from Kelvin Maude via email kelvin.maude@gmail.com or 0418-992 270.



Historic Racing, Winton – 25th-26th May 2024

The 47th Historic Winton, Australia's longest running and most popular historic car and motorcycle race event, will be held on 25th and 26th May 2024 at Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla.

Organised by the Austin 7 Club Inc, President Len Kerwood said that the inaugural N Class Touring Car "Tin Top" (N category touring cars from pre-1958 to 1972) Regularity event was such a big hit in 2023 that it's on the program again in 2024.

Tickets are already available at <https://www.historicwinton.org/the-event/buy-tickets>



****Canberra Floriade Rally – 15th-24th September 2024**

Departing Sunday, September 15th 2024, returning Tuesday September 24th 2024.

Our rally for 2024 shall be to Canberra to coincide with the annual Floriade festival.

The rally shall run over nine nights and as well as Canberra we will be visiting many interesting towns in New South Wales. There will be no long distance days so this rally will be suitable for all Vintage, early and late classic vehicles. We look forward to your friendship and company.

1st instalment-\$750 due by 31st January 2024.

2nd instalment-\$750 due by 31st March 2024.

3rd instalment-\$750 due by 31st May 2024.

4th instalment-\$TBA due by 31st July 2024.

Direct deposit into the Bendigo bank GVMVDC. Inc. Rally 2 account, make sure you use your Name as a reference. BSB **633 000**. Account **139718027**.

If paying by cheque please post to : Leigh Johnston 18 Richards Street Kyabram 3620

The rally is fully booked, but you can put your name on a waiting list in case somebody pulls out.

Committee. Leigh and Lynne Johnston, Lynn and Julie Tyrrell.

Contacts, Julie 0400-810 054, email julietyr@bigpond.net.au Leigh 0409-645 556.



Rally Report

Coffee Run to Rushworth and Colbinabbin – Wednesday 17th January 2024



Wednesday, 17th of January dawned gloomy and wet. Despite this, 35 club members made it along to the Motofinish Cafe in Rushworth for morning tea.



By the time we had finished morning tea, the rain had finished. Upon arrival in Colbinabbin there was a little bit of blue sky showing. 29 club members continued on for lunch at the Country Club Hotel. As usual, the ladies at the hotel put on an excellent meal – the hotel at Colbinabbin is a real winner being able to view the fantastic silo art out of the windows.



So, despite the weather earlier in the day, everybody still had a very enjoyable day.

Leigh Johnston

Those who attended :

Neil Hammond, Liz Capuano and Derek Coleman	1953	SUNBEAM TALBOT 90 Mk IIA sedan
Graeme Hubble and Diane Moore	1955	MORRIS Minor sedan
Phil Podbury	1958	ROVER P4 90 sedan
Faye and Brian Briggs	1960	PORSCHE 356B 1600 Super cabriolet
Ross Organ	1964	HUMBER Vogue Sports sedan
Tom Brown and Diane Welsh (visitor)	1967	HUMBER Super Snipe sedan
Peter Vibert and June Brewer	1967	MERCEDES-BENZ 250SE coupe
Alan and Denise Singleton	1970	HOLDEN HT Premier sedan
Graham and Marilyn Dicker	1975	TRIUMPH 2500TC sedan
Pat and Alan Lavis	1988	BMW 735i sedan
Judy and Bob Bedford	1991	TOYOTA Cressida LX sedan
Barry and Marg Croke	2002	FORD Falcon XR8 utility

Members in modern vehicles

Leigh Johnston	Gordon Newton	Milton Hammond
Trevor Dainton	Hugh MacFadyen	John Dhosi
Ron and Jan Stanbrook	Bill and Glenys Holyman	Fred and Elaine Williams



Rally Report

Twilight in Nathalia – 21st January 2024

This year the weather was very kind to us for the annual Nathalia Twilight run – the weather was very pleasant with a cool southerly breeze, it probably got a little bit too cool as the evening wore on. A total of 71 club members attended which is an improvement on the last two or three years but not getting back to pre-Covid numbers. Thank you to all of our members who came along.

As usual there were a lot of interesting cars to look at and everybody enjoyed the pleasant surroundings by the Broken Creek. By 8 o'clock just about everybody had departed and made their way to their respective homes. I trust everybody had an enjoyable evening.

Leigh Johnston



Those who attended :

Kris and Lloyd Healey John and Jenny Grieve	1928 1928	FORD Model A tourer WHIPPET Model 96 tourer
		
Terry and Pam Brennan Graeme Smith and Joan Theyers	1929 1950	OLDSMOBILE F-29 landau sedan VAUXHALL Velox sedan
		
Hugh and Robyn MacFadyen Sue and Greg Agosta	1952 1954	DODGE Kingsway sedan ROVER P4 90 sedan
		
Jenni Blake and Lyn Hawes Faye and Brian Briggs	1957 1960	MORRIS Minor 1000 sedan PORSCHE 356B 1600 Super cabriolet
		
Tiny Harrison, Joyce Hollingsworth and Trevor Evans Tom Brown	1963 1965	ROLLS-ROYCE Silver Cloud III sedan HUMBER Super Snipe sedan
		

Brendan Walsh	1965	JAGUAR 3.8 S-type sedan
Bert and Sharon Neff	1966	CHRYSLER VC Valiant Regal sedan
		
Barry and Marg Croke	1966	MG B roadster
Leigh and Lynne Johnston	1967	HOLDEN HR Premier sedan
		
George Coad	1967	HOLDEN HR X2 utility
Jan and David Vibert	1967	MERCEDES-BENZ 250SE coupe
		
Julie Mahoney and Lorraine Tainton	1969	FORD XT Falcon GT sedan
Greg Sutherland	1969	FORD XW Falcon GT sedan
		
Alan and Denise Singleton	1970	HOLDEN HT Premier sedan
Lindsay and Ruth Black	1972	FIAT 500
Lorraine Threlfall, Kerrie and Don Needham	1973	CHRYSLER Valiant VJ Charger coupe
		

Peter Vibert and June Brewer	1976	TRIUMPH Stag convertible	
David and Lea Grant	1987	MAZDA MX-6 coupe	
			
Brian and Evie Boschetti	1990	MERCEDES-BENZ SL500 AMG convertible	
Kelvin and Sue Ivers	1991	HOLDEN VN Commodore sedan	
			
Marie and Graeme Waite, Tina and David Morrison	1994	NISSAN Pulsar hatchback	
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Rally Report

Australia Day celebrations, Mooroopna – Sunday 28th January 2024

A smaller than usual roll-up of club vehicles attended this year’s Australia Day celebrations in Mooroopna. It was held on Sunday 28th rather than Friday 26th as Council had decided not to fund any events on the 26th.



The entertainment included iconic Australian songs (like “I Am Australian”) and bush poetry. This was followed by speakers including Ted Davis, deputy mayor Sam Spinks and several members of parliament.

The Mooroopna Citizen awards were then presented before the day concluded with a free barbecue.

Brendan Walsh

Those who attended :

Hugh and Robyn MacFadyen	1952	DODGE Kingsway sedan
Bill Winters	1955	HOLDEN FJ Special sedan
Ross Organ	1964	HUMBER Vogue Sports sedan
Brendan Walsh	1965	JAGUAR 3.8 S-type sedan
Ken O’Connor	1977	LEYLAND Moke
Peter Vibert		
David and Janet Vibert		



Member News



Well done to Arthur Fennell who was awarded the Tatura Senior Citizen of the Year award at the recent Australia Day celebrations.

A very deserving winner.

I have been advised that long-time member Bruce Feldtmann from Dookie passed away on Saturday.

Bruce and Margaret joined the club when it was formed in late 1970.

Our thoughts are with Margaret and the family at this sad time.

I will advise of any funeral details when they become available.

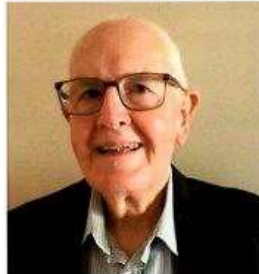
I'm also sad to advise that club member John Sherwill passed away recently.

John and Heather joined the club in 2004.

Our thoughts are with Heather and the family.

Award Winners

Senior Citizen of the Year 2024



Arthur Fennell

Arthur was born in 1943, and came to Shepparton with his employment in 1972. Arthur and his wife moved to Tatura in 1978. He was involved with the Shepparton Jaycees at that time, serving as President 1978/79. In 1980 he had open heart surgery to replace his Mitral Valve. In 1983 a group of his ex-patient friends formed "Heartbeat Victoria" and were the Founding Members in Melbourne. Arthur was about 18 years younger than more experienced

members. However they had plans for him, to start a group in Shepparton. With his wife's assistance he served as G.V. Branch President for 5 years, and as Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter editor since 1998, inspiring many members from newsletter articles. Other Branches were started throughout Victoria and were encouraged to support their Hospitals with peer support and any fundraising that would assist with Cardiac Care. Since 1986, the "Heartbeat Goulburn Valley Branch donated \$300,000 for equipment used in Cardiac Care at G.V. Health. In 2006 Arthur was made a Life Member of "Heartbeat Victoria" and he and his wife are still involved with "Heartbeat Victoria".

His sons had joined the Tatura Cubs, he then became involved with the local Scouting movement serving as President of the Tatura Group Committee which managed the administration of the scouting activities. Later he trained as an Assistant Leader, as he had been a scout in his youth in Reservoir Vic. During his time through grants and fundraising and working bees, the present Scout Hall was built in Tatura, replacing the Old Hall.

He joined Tatura Lions Club, serving as President in 2003, attending their various projects. He was a Member for 39 years, and resigned as he could not be out in the sun as he is sun sensitive now.

Other organizations he has been involved with over the years, a Volunteer Driver at Tatura Hospital for approx. 10 Years, Tatura Men's Shed since 2020 and Treasurer in 2023, Tatura – Rodney Masonic Lodge since 1983 (40 years) and the "Cussen Park Project" from its inception with tree planting and maintenance.

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DEATH NOTICES

SHERWILL, John Douglas.
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Passed away peacefully at GV Health Shepparton, aged 86 Years.
Loved and loving Husband of Heather (married 62 years)

Much loved Father and Father-in-Law of Ron and Gigi, Leanne, Mark and Paola.
Loved and adored Pa to Rebecca and Bethany; Candice, Madeleine and Tia and Great-Pa to Peyton, Connor, Carter and Lennon.

*So Dearly Loved,
So Sadly Missed.*

FUNERALS

SHERWILL.
Afternoon tea to Celebrate the Life of Mr John Douglas Sherwill will be held at the N J Todd Funeral Home – 'Function Room' on Saturday, February 3, 2024, commencing at 12pm following a Private Burial at the Benalla Lawn Cemetery.

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Insurance Problems with Battery Electric Vehicles

This article looks at some of the ensuing, and seemingly unpredictable, insurance-related problems that have arisen with the increase in BEVs in the UK. This is not a criticism of BEVs per se, but a highlight of some unexpected consequences identified in recent UK articles on the subject.

According to recent data from the UK's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), 267,203 of the 1,614,063 new cars registered on UK roads in 2022 were new BEVs (Approx 16.6%), representing a 40.1% sales increase over 2021. This figure will increase over coming years, and whilst this is in line with Government initiatives, the following insurance issues identified will undoubtedly start to slow the take-up of BEVs until technical issues associated with, in particular, the batteries are addressed.

As a result of concerns over significant increases in vehicle insurance costs, the UK's premier automotive risk intelligence company, Thatcham Research, funded by the UK Government's innovation agency (Innovate UK), issued a report in July 2023, entitled: "*Impact of BEV Adoption on the Repair and Insurance Sector*". This report noted that there was a clear difference as to how BEVs impacted on the Motor Insurance Industry, compared to conventional internal combustion vehicles (ICEs). They examined the BEV repair network and assessed the economic value associated with their adoption in the UK, concluding that no part of the Motor Insurance Claims process was unaffected, and that this will inevitably force a widespread change to the Motor Insurance Industry.

It was predicted that the number of BEV repairs in 2025 would be approximately 0.25 million, rising to 2.0 million in 2040 and then flattening at around 2.25 million per annum thereafter. However, these figures do not include any estimate for write-offs.

BEV insurance claims were found to already be around 25% more expensive than their ICE equivalents with repairs taking some 14% longer, due to such factors as:

- Batteries,
- Vehicle Handling,
- Storage,
- Repairs,
- Training, and
- Sustainability.

Due to the reasons outlined below, anecdotally, people who are being paid out against the write-off of their BEV then buy a conventional ICE vehicle.

Batteries

The major component of the repair cost increase was identified with high voltage (HV) battery damage. This is not surprising for as noted in a recent British Government House of Commons Library Report: "Electric vehicles and infrastructure – February 2023" the battery constitutes approximately 40 to 50% of the value of an electric vehicle, with other components in the electric powertrain responsible for a further 20%. The reason is that Lithium-Ion (HV) batteries in electric vehicles can be extremely sensitive to damage, and what might be considered a minor crash incident for a conventional car may lead to a possible battery fire in a BEV, a fire that could in fact burn for days. Since the HV

battery and related systems are generally positioned in the floor of the vehicle's chassis, with mounting points under the side sills, this has been found to leave them prone to collision damage.

Mechanical damage increases likelihood of battery damage by 10%, and underbody damage is 85% more likely to result in battery damage. Whilst accidents that are most likely to involve battery damage are those which cause SRS deployment, damage can also occur through simply dropping hard off a curb, driving at speed over a speed bump, or by hitting a large pothole as BEVs weigh some 300 to 500 kgs more than an equivalent ICE vehicle.

In one study of a BEV Volkswagen, The Thatcham Report noted that the vehicle had been deemed a write-off after an underbody scrape which indented the protective metal plate covering the battery by only 5 mm! No other vehicle damage was evident. Since, as noted above, HV batteries represent a substantial percentage of the original vehicle value, being typically between £14,000 to £29,000, this represents a significant percentage of the vehicle's market value. In some cases, the cost of a replacement HV battery system was found to exceed the market value of the car after only one year, hence another reason for an early write-off.

Vehicle Handling

After a BEV accident, any shock loads or body movement should be minimised as this can exacerbate internal damage to the HV battery system.

BEVs should not be towed on their driven wheels because this can cause regenerative electrical power to be produced, so damaging further the HV systems and safety mechanisms, there having been instances where vehicles such have ignited during handling.

Most agencies recommend that the vehicle be transported on a flat-bed truck or on a trailer, but their handling is not one that break-down drivers relish. When under repair in the workshop, vehicle handling can be further hindered by the design characteristics of that vehicle. For example, some BEVs cannot be moved after the battery has been removed as they are rendered structurally unsound, which naturally severely limits the capacity to undertake a major repair on such a model, resulting again in it probably being written-off.

Storage

Due to the associated risk of fire, the UK Government have introduced guidelines stating that damaged BEVs should be stored in an outside quarantine area 15 metres from other objects, and that assessors are to monitor the fire risk for up to 48 hours after an incident.

It is worth noting that this quarantine separation distance is equivalent to over 3 typical car lengths around the entire damaged vehicle! Repair yards can hardly devote this amount of yard space to the storage of one vehicle without incurring additional storage costs or the loss of general repair business. As a result, this guideline is often not followed, at an occupational safety risk. The storage of damaged BEVs inside a workshop therefore creates major problems which are yet to be adequately addressed by regulators.

The costs to meet such additional external storage requirements alone, has been estimated to rise from a current £650 million per year to £900 million by the year 2040.

Repairs

It was noted that there is currently no consistent industry diagnosis and repair methodology, resulting again in battery replacement as the go-to solution, even where the damage may appear relatively superficial.

The report notes also that currently only two vehicle manufacturers offer a battery exchange programme, and that a quarter had non-repairable batteries. In fact less than half the manufacturers had repair methods and parts to support their high voltage batteries.

Some other practical issues with BEV workshop repairs include:

- Handling, as discussed above,
 - Storage, again as discussed above,
 - Increased vehicle weight, and
 - Paint booth temperature
- That is; subjecting the HV battery to high temperatures can cause damage, with the safe temperature varying across different BEVs, with the Report noting that this information is not always even provided by vehicle manufacturers.

Training

Vehicle damage assessors were noted to currently have very few tools or techniques to sufficiently assess potential HV battery damage. Although The Association of British Insurers' Code of Practice for the Categorisation of Motor Vehicle Salvage provides a framework for assessors, the current reality was found to be that total losses or write-offs were a common outcome of BEV accidents. This trend is then further compounded by the fact that there is a shortage of qualified EV repair mechanics.

The Institute of the Motor Industry stated in January 2023 that only around 16% of technicians in the U.K. had the relevant qualifications to work on electrified vehicles and were concerned over possible ongoing shortages.

It therefore appears that until there is comprehensive manufacturer repair and battery training programme for the industry, that such repairs will only be performed within that specific Manufacturer's dealer network, again impacting on costs.

Sustainability

Clearly writing off current cars due to present difficulties in their assessment and repair, poor design and the lack of parts, is unsustainable, even in the short term.

Whilst current electric vehicle batteries may have a predicted lifespan of well over 100,000 miles (160,000km), in reality the range is reduced due to battery degradation factors as:

- Driver patterns (e.g., aggression),
- Climate (e.g., extreme temperatures)

- Overcharging (continued charging on a fully charged cell),
- Deep discharging (when the battery's capacity has been exhausted),
- Charging with a high charge rate,
- Corrosion, and
- Storing with a full state of charge.

It has been estimated that, for the UK, there would be around 260,000 damaged batteries per year in 2035, rising to around 360,000 per year by 2050. Hence sustainable programmes need to be developed, but currently there is a lack of any viable battery salvage system to help mitigate costs. Most current techniques involve the processing of shredded battery packs to produce a homogeneous toxic mixture known as 'Black Mass' containing lithium, manganese, cobalt, graphite, steel, and nickel etc... which must then undergo further processing in order to extract the elements.

Whilst battery repair is the most sustainable option, it is not always technically viable and, as noted, most current vehicle manufacturers do not have any parts or procedures for such repairs.

The demand for precious metals essential in the production of EV batteries is ever increasing, hence concerns over some mining practices and the efficiency of extraction needs to be addressed.

Alternatives to Lithium-Ion batteries are currently being researched, hence their long-term effect on the industries' sustainability is unknown.

Conclusion

All the above factors naturally result in higher insurance premiums. Further they render the developing second-hand BEV market as uncertain and hinder new BEV take up as motorists grapple with the uncertainties of owning and maintaining an electric vehicle, especially given the likelihood of total loss following any collision.

Insurance and repair costs were estimated at currently £600 million per year, and as more battery-powered vehicles take to the road this amount will naturally increase.

In their conclusion, Thatcham Research stated that they believed these challenges were not insurmountable given appropriate action and cooperation, between Government, vehicle manufacturers, insurers, repairers, training, and recyclers.

*This review of the Thatcham Research report and other related issues was done by **Steve Spong** from the Historic Motor Vehicles Club, based in Victor Harbor, SA.*

We thank him and the HMVC for permission to copy it into our newsletter.

The original Thatcham Research report can be found at <https://www.thatcham.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Impact-of-BEV-Adoption-on-the-Repair-and-Insurance-Sectors-report-Innovate-UK-and-Thatcham-Research.pdf>

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- 11 Picnic at Hanging Rock – Newham
Details at <https://mradmc.com.au/>
- 14 ** Club Coffee Run – Strathmerton and Katunga
Details on p.6.
- 16 ** Ladies' Lunch – Shepparton
Details on p.6.
- 17 ** Saturday Social Day – Clubrooms
Details on p.6.
- 18 ** Red Plate Day – Kialla
Details on p.6.
- 18 British & European Motoring Show – Yarra Glen Racecourse
Details at www.aomc.asn.au/britishandeuropean
- MAR 6 - 10 Phillip Island Classic Festival of Speed
Details at www.vhrr.com or 0458-882 304
- 9 - 10 Minis on the Murray Muster – Wodonga
Details on p.6.
- 10 Swanpool Motor Festival
Details on p.6.
- 10 All GM Day – Wangaratta
Details on p.6.
- 10 VDC Yarra Glen Swap Meet – Racecourse
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- 11 Seymour Show 'n' Shine
Details on p.6.
- 14 - 17 Veteran Car Club 1&2 Cylinder Rally – Echuca
Details on p.6 and at <https://veterancarclub.org.au/>
- 15 - 17 Chryslers on the Murray – Wodonga
Details at <https://chryslersonthemurray.com/event/>
- 17 Maldon Swap Meet – Racecourse
Sites \$25 at 6am, entry \$5 at 7am. Details text 0414-244 842
- 30 - 31 GV Vintage Tractor & Machinery Club Rally – Wunghnu
- 31 Federation Picnic – Wunghnu
Details coming at www.federation.asn.au/calendar-of-events
- APR 18 - 21 Veteran Car Club Four & More Rally – Kyabram
Details coming at <https://veterancarclub.org.au/>
- 24 - 29 Morris Registers 24th National Rally – Shepparton
See details at www.moreg.org.au
- MAY 4 - 5 GV Hospice Rallye – Bendigo
Details on p.7.
- 25 - 26 Historic Racing – Winton
Details on p.7.
- JUN 7 - 10 King's Birthday Weekend Rally – Hamilton
Details to come.
- SEP 8 ** Shepparton Swap Meet – Showgrounds
Details at www.gvmvdc.com.au/GVMswp.html
- 15 - 24 ** Canberra Floriade Rally
Details on p.7.

2025

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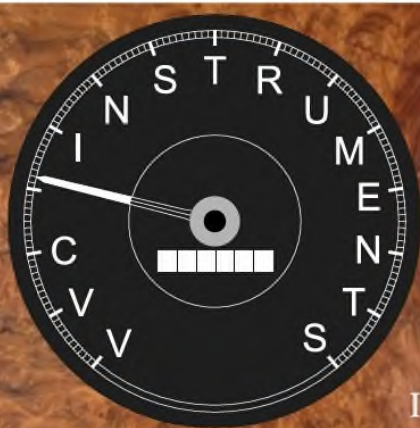
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